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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No.: 10237.28

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		
	Sachin Govind Deshpande	
Serial No.:	10/757,102	
Filing Date:	January 14, 2004	Art Unit 2152
Title:	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A DISCOVERY PROTOCOL	Conf. No. 2922
Examining Attorney:	Tariq S. Najee-Ullah	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I the undersigned, declare that:

1. I am an attorney at Kirton & McConkie, and have represented the Applicant and/or the Assignee of the above-referenced patent application, Sharp Laboratories of America, for a number of years.
2. I was personally and materially involved in all events discussed herein, and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.

3. Kirton & McConkie received on August 20, 2003 a letter dated August 13, 2003, enclosing an invention disclosure for the invention disclosed in the above-referenced application. The invention disclosure was by the inventor, Sachin Govind Deshpande. Also included in the letter were two additional invention disclosures by the same inventor. At that time, we began preparing the patent applications for all three disclosed inventions, within the time constraints of our then-existing docket.

4. The preparation and review process for the three applications progressed normally and continually over the next approximately four months, and patent applications for the other two applications were filed on November 13, 2003 and December 17, 2003.

5. The above-referenced application was the last application to be completed, and was filed on January 14, 2004, as soon as the review and approval process was completed.

6. From the time the invention disclosure was received to the date of filing of the above-referenced application, we diligently sought to prepare and file the patent application as soon as possible within the time constraints of our then-existing docket.

7. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

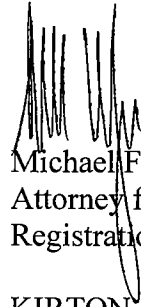
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Dated this 23 day of May, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Krieger", written over the printed name and registration number.

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